

man's frightfully true question, she kept on going. She was not ashamed of what she could not do, rather she only thought of what she could do. If everyone in America thought of one thing they could do to make someone else's life a little brighter, our country would be in pretty good shape.

By starting out with lots of small things to do or ways of being there for other people, soon it will lead to big changes. By first starting with the family and having peace and happiness within the home, eventually that peace and love will spread into society.

By learning to accept people's differences first in our communities we will then be able to accept and understand all those around us. By giving of our time and money to help those struggling right in our area, they in turn will help other people when they can. It will be like one big domino effect of humans loving and caring for each other as God calls us to do. People will feel good about themselves being able to make a difference in someone else's life. More people will want to work together to meet common goals and achieve individual and nationwide dreams. America will once again be the country of equal opportunities and freedom for everyone. There will be no more people trapped in fear or robbed of their pride. We will all be viewed as people, people who love and accept, forgive and protect, one another.

I don't believe that having this hope of America is being naive. I believe it is putting a lot of faith and trust into one another through, and I know we can do this together. With each of us having different yet special gifts and talents, we are able to share these with one another. If all of our hopes and aspirations are put together we will be able to have one vision of America that is a vision for everyone.

COMMENDATION OF AWADAGIN PRATT SYMPHONY SPONSORS

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 1995

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the efforts of three businesses in my district who have generously sponsored the appearance of Mr. Awadagin Pratt, an extraordinary pianist, to perform with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra this weekend.

The sponsors, WMCS AM 1290 Radio, the Milwaukee Community Journal, and the Milwaukee Times have worked together to sponsor and promote Mr. Pratt's much-anticipated performances. Led by guest conductor Hermann Michael, Mr. Pratt will share his gift for the piano in a series of concerts to be held this weekend at Uihlein Hall in Milwaukee's Performing Arts Center.

As an African-American and a virtuoso pianist, Awadagin Pratt is recognized as one of the most versatile and fastest rising stars in the arts community. Mr. Pratt was named one of the 50 Leaders of Tomorrow in Ebony magazine's 50th anniversary issue, and he recently performed at the White House for President and Mrs. Clinton. Mr. Pratt was also selected as winner of a 1994 Avery Fisher Career Grant and the 1992 Naumburg International Piano Competition.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that WMCS Radio, Milwaukee Community Journal, and the Milwaukee Times recognize the cultural value of

Mr. Pratt's appearance in Milwaukee. I applaud their commitment to the arts, which is demonstrated by their efforts to share Mr. Pratt's unique talent with our community. Mr. Speaker, I am personally looking forward to experiencing Mr. Pratt's performance, which was made possible by the benevolence of these businesses.

TERM LIMITS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. CARDISS COLLINS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 73) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives:

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to House Joint Resolution 73, in opposition to term limits for Members of Congress, and I urge my colleagues to reject this ill-conceived legislation.

Why do I oppose term limits? Well for one, they are absolutely unnecessary. The voting public always has, and will continue to have, complete control over the membership of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. One need only to look back to last year's historic November elections to recognize this fact. Those Representatives and Senators that were not doing the job their constituents wanted or expected were not reelected—pure and simple.

The reality that my Republican friends tend to deemphasize and don't want to discuss is that more than half the Members of this House have been elected only within the past 6 years. That's right—over 50 percent of this Chamber are serving in their third term or less.

In addition, term limits are an affront to the basic rights, responsibilities, and intelligence of all American citizens. Our Federal Government functions best when the public and the Congress act together to carry out the responsibility for moving our Nation forward. An educated and politically aware public is vital for the strength of our democracy.

However, term limits take away the ability of voters to choose who they want to represent them at the Federal level by imposing an arbitrary timetable on length of service without regard to a Member's effectiveness or responsiveness to the needs of his or her constituents. In effect, term limits say to the voters, "You are not smart enough to know the issues at hand, to know for whom to vote, to know who will best represent you and your fellow neighbors, therefore we'll help you out." This is a ridiculous, untrue, antidemocratic proposition and one at which people should be strongly offended.

Term limits are patently nonsensical. The only thing that they will serve to do is deprive this institution of several effective legislators who have the historical perspective and expertise necessary to tackle the major challenges facing this body and turn greater power and influence in Congress over to entrenched,

unelected staff, lobbyists, and agency bureaucrats. I can tell you that this is not what my constituents want.

Mr. Chairman, to me it is also disingenuous of the GOP to claim support for term limits and yet put forth a bill that will not affect them for at least another 19 years and does not speak to the issue of State preemption. This is just blatant, and frankly quite despicable, political posturing.

If you want term limits, if you believe they are such a great idea, and think that many years of service in the U.S. Congress is inherently evil, why not make term limits retroactive and also defer to those States with less than 12-year limits currently on the books? Maybe because you are trying to fool the American people. Well, let me tell you something, Mr. Chairman, the American people are not stupid. They can see through such charades.

Mr. Chairman, I vigorously urge defeat of House Joint Resolution 73. The leadership in this body better start concentrating on the real needs of the American people, like jobs, accessible and affordable health care, community development and revitalization, and the long-term economic and social growth of this country. If they don't begin to, it's a pretty safe bet that their terms will be limited regardless of the passage of this legislation.

MOUNT HOPE FERC LICENSE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 1995

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to extend the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] license for the Mt. Hope Hydroelectric Project in Rockaway Township, NJ.

The proposed Mt. Hope Waterpower Project is an advanced pumped storage hydroelectric plant which is the third largest hydroelectric plant in the country to be licensed by FERC.

Since its inception, the sponsors of this project have been diligently working to see that this proposal can become a reality. I introduce this legislation today to allow the project developers to have every opportunity, in this period of electric energy deregulation, to convince power purchasers of the merits of this project.

This project will generate 2,000 megawatts of electricity—enough power to heat and light a 1/2-million homes and businesses in the Northeast at times of peak demand. It brings many benefits to the consumers of not only New Jersey but also New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware.

In addition to power production, this project will mean a significant reduction in air pollution and will help New Jersey meet its Clean Air Act goals. It is estimated that up to 50 tons of air pollution in the regional area will be eliminated if Mt. Hope is used for power generation instead of burning traditional fossil fuels.

I am very encouraged by the progress this project has made thus far and I hope that with this extension, the project will soon become a reality. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this important legislation and will work with the Commerce Committee members to see that this legislation is considered soon.